

## JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

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No. 1.

### JOINT RESOLUTION

Making an appropriation of four thousand five hundred dollars, to be used in repairing and furnishing the Governor's Mansion.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas: That the sum of four thousand five hundred dollars, or so much thereof, as may be necessary, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, is hereby appropriated, to be expended under the control and direction of the Governor, for repairing and furnishing the Governor's mansion and grounds.

SEC. 2. Whereas the Governor's mansion is now in a condition not fitted for comfortable occupancy, which creates an imperative public necessity and emergency which requires that the constitutional rule be suspended, and this act take effect from and after its passage.

Approved February 2, 1883.

Takes effect from passage.

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No. 2.

### JOINT RESOLUTION

Amending Sections 4 and 6, of Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas.

SECTION 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas: That sections 4 and 6 Article 7, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended so as to read as follows:

SEC. 4. The lands herein set apart to the Public Free School fund, shall be sold under such regulations, at such times, and on such terms as may be prescribed by law; and the Legislature shall not have power to grant any relief to purchasers thereof. The Comptroller shall invest the proceeds of such sales, and of those heretofore made, as may be directed by the Board of Education herein provided for, in the bonds of the United States, the State of Texas, or counties in said State, or in such other securities, and under such restrictions as may be prescribed by law; and the State shall be responsible for all investments.

SEC. 6. All lands heretofore, or hereafter granted to the several counties of this State for educational purposes, are of right the property of said counties respectively, to which they were granted, and title thereto

is vested in said counties, and no adverse possession or limitation shall ever be available against the title of any county. Each county may sell or dispose of its lands in whole or in part, in manner to be provided by the commissioner's court of the county. Actual settlers residing on said lands, shall be protected in the prior right of purchasing the same to the extent of their settlement, not to exceed one hundred and sixty acres, at the price fixed by said court, which price shall not include the value of existing improvements made thereon by such settlers. Said lands, and the proceeds thereof, when sold, shall be held by said counties alone as a trust for the benefit of public schools therein; said proceeds to be invested in bonds of the United States, the State of Texas, or counties in said State, or in such other securities, and under such restrictions as may be prescribed by law; and the counties shall be responsible for all investments; the interest thereon, and other revenue, except the principal shall be available fund.

SEC. 2. That the Governor of this State shall issue his proclamation ordering an election to be held on the second Tuesday in August A. D. 1883, at which time the foregoing amendments shall be submitted for adoption, to the qualified electors of this State.

SEC. 3. That those voting for the adoption of said amendment to Section 4, shall have written or printed on their ballots the words: "For amendment to Section 4, Article 7 of the Constitution;" and those voting against the adoption of said amendment to Section 4, shall have written or printed on their ballots the words: "Against amendment to Section 4, Article 7 of the Constitution," and those voting for the adoption of said amendment to Section 6, shall have written or printed on their ballots the words; "For amendment to Section 6, Article 7, of the Constitution;" and those voting against the adoption of said amendment to Section 6, shall have written or printed on their ballots the words: "Against amendment to Section 6, Article 7, of the Constitution.

Received in office, March 26th, 1883.

NOTE.—The foregoing act was presented to the Governor of Texas for his approval on the 26th day of March, A. D. 1883, and was not signed by him or returned to the House in which it originated, with his objections thereto, within the time prescribed by the constitution, and thereupon became a law without his signature.

Takes effect after passage.

[Signed]

JOS. W. BAINES,  
Secretary of State.

No. 3.

### JOINT RESOLUTION

Requesting Texas Senators and Representatives to urge upon Congress, the settlement of the claims of those who suffered from the burning of the town of Brenham, Texas, in 1866.

WHEREAS a joint select committee of the Senate and House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Texas in 1866 who had been appointed to investigate and report the facts connected with the burning of a portion of the town of Brenham in Washington county, Texas, and to recommend the proper action to be had in the matter, on the 28th September 1866, reported that the fire was the work of United